

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENTS AND UNDERSTANDING

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This document is a statement of agreements and understandings that exist between Special Approaches in Juvenile Assistance (SAJA) and its neighbors in the immediate vicinity of 18th and Riggs Streets, N.W. where SAJA operates a Runaway House for young people and the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission.

These agreements represent the fruitful interaction between SAJA, the ANC and the 18th and Riggs community which all parties intend will make Runaway House truly a community-based program.

While these agreements serve primarily to facilitate the ongoing cooperative relationships between SAJA Runaway House and its neighbors, they also are a general basis for the ANC support of periodic renewal of a special exception as required by the zoning regulations for the operation of the house.

Clearly, the best interactions between SAJA Runaway House and the community are those that happen informally in conversations on the street, in discussions over coffee, at barbeques in the backyard -- the same kinds of interactions that are enjoyed by neighbors in any community.

But to supplement this, we have decided to implement a more formal structure as well. Toward this end, the ANC Commissioner for 2B02 or his/her designate will represent the 18th and Riggs community and act as liaison between SAJA and the community. This liaison person will relate to SAJA in the following ways:

1. The liaison person shall participate in regular meetings (on a monthly basis) with SAJA staff. The liaison person will be notified of meetings in advance.
2. The Director of Runaway House will be responsible for SAJA keeping the liaison person informed of current house rules and proposed changes. The liaison person will inform the community and encourage participation, direct or indirect, in formulating rules.
3. The SAJA Runaway House Director will inform the liaison person of any changes in staff at Runaway House.
4. The SAJA Runaway House Director will inform the liaison person of any changes in corporate personnel and see that appropriate introductions are made. The liaison person will be welcome at all meetings of the SAJA Board of Directors with a voice but no vote unless elected through regular process.\*

\*Subject to ratification by SAJA's Board. If not ratified, an accommodation will be reached as soon as possible.

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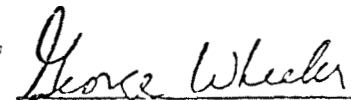
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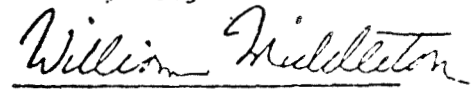
5. SAJA will inform the liaison person of any proposed additions to, or quantitative changes in, SAJA's SAJA's community-based facilities and programs in the surrounding community. Furthermore, the basic mission of the house, that of relocating youth in crisis situations, will not be changed without consultation with the community. No more than 12 youth will be sheltered at any one time.
6. The liaison person will provide SAJA with full and continuous community feedback regarding SAJA's program and operations: act as a coordinator of meetings or distributor of information in the event that formal contact with neighbors is desirable; endeavor to facilitate informal contacts between SAJA and neighbors, including the introduction of new neighbors, etc. The liaison person will also attend the meetings referred to in paragraph #1, above; or be responsible for the attendance by an alternate at such meetings.
7. The property and rights of neighbors must be respected at all times. Residents are expected to be polite and considerate to the neighbors. Visitors and residents may not "hang out" on the premises if they are loud or abusive. Otherwise, visitors will be asked to leave and residents will be restricted to the House. Loitering will not be tolerated.
8. SAJA will maintain the exterior of the Runaway House Building in a manner which conforms to general good neighbor standards.
9. SAJA will ensure a staff person in on duty at all times who will enforce house rules and provide a point of contact for the community in case of problems. The staff person must be fully authorized to act for SAJA in an emergency. This provision does not apply when the house is closed for 48 hours or more. When the house is closed for shorter periods, the Runaway House Director will inform the liaison person and provide information regarding who should be contacted if problems arise.

This agreement may be amended, supplemented or otherwise changed at any time with mutual consent of the parties to reflect changed conditions or new matters affecting the operation of SAJA Runaway House.

  
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Chairperson, SAJA Board of Directors

May 18, 1977

  
George Wheeler  
Chairperson, Dupont Circle  
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